# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN J & K
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the prevailing drought conditions has severely affected the agriculture and horticulture throughout the J&K State with the result that Rabi crop especially wheat, fodder and vegetables have suffered heavy losses;

(b) if so, whether the water resources have also dehydrated and the water table had gone down; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): Government of Jammu & Kashmir has informed that crops like wheat,pulses, oilseeds, fodder, vegetables etc. during Rabi season 2000-2001 were severely affected by drought in several districts of the State. Availability of water for irrigation and drinking purposes also came under strain.

(c): The primary responsibility of dealing with natural calamities including drought rests with the State Governments. The main source of financing relief expenditure is the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for which 75% share is contributed by the CentralGovernment. For major calamities, where amounts in the CRF do not suffice, assistanceis admissible from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). These arrangements are in accordance with the award of the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC)Apart from releasing the first instalment of the Central share of CRF for 2001-2002 amounting toRs.13.74 crores, a special assistance of Rs.23.20 crores has also been sanctioned from the NCCF.